

## MAY RECORD OF UTAH'S MINES

Production About \$2,000,000  
—Dividends \$318,000.

### OUTLOOK FOR JUNE IS BETTER

IDAHO ON THE BOOM—PLACER GOLD FROM BINGHAM.

All things considered, the past month has been a most successful one in the mining field of Utah. The dividends paid and ordered paid during May reached a total of \$318,000. Of this sum \$55,000 is to be paid tomorrow, the balance having already been distributed. According to the available reports, ore and bullion settlements in the open market reached a total of \$1,917,700, while the individual copper plants of the valley, with their copper-gold product, approximately 2,000,000 pounds of bullion, would add to the total at least \$600,000. As a portion of the amount received in the open market resulted from the sale of ore from points outside of the state, a fair estimate of the total of Utah alone would be about \$2,000,000.

The unfortunate destruction of the Park City zinc plant during the month, coupled with the very stormy weather, considerably handicapped the output from Park City and Tintic. While the losses made at the United States smelter, curtailed its output by probably 100,000 pounds of copper-gold bullion.

For a month the shippers of Big and Little Cottonwood and American Fork districts have been very busy getting ore to market, but the effort has been generally fruitless, as the moment the roads became in a passable condition another storm would ruin them. During the month of June, however, these districts will add materially to the output of ore that will reach the valley smelters and the record of the month should be as good as any for the entire year.

At Park City the Comstock mill has gone into commission, the Daly-Judge's big plant will be going full blast by the 10th and the Loring mill will be adding its quota to the output of concentrates.

In the camp of Bingham, preparations are making for the erection of a mill by the Columbia company, ground will be broken in a day or two for the Yampa smelter and everything now indicates that the basis of a powerful company that will treat from 50 to 1,000 tons of copper ore per day in a plant to be erected at camp. In addition, the Boston Consolidated will likely begin the marketing of ore, while the Ben Butler company will re-enter the shipping lists.

There will be unusual activity at Tintic also. Within a few days the Yampa Day company will begin concentrating its second class ores and thus make room for the extra large quantities of concentrates of first class, the Yankee Consolidated will receive and install its new compressor plant and the Ben Butler company will undoubtedly erect its proposed fifty-ton mill.

The May record has been a good one—that for June will be much better.

### GOLD FROM BINGHAM.

Argonaut Placer Clean-up a Reminder of Early Days.

Reminiscent of the old days was the exhibit of placer gold from Bingham that John Strickley made yesterday. The clean-up was the result of a few weeks' work on the part of Bat Gardella at the old Argonaut placer, which has been owned by Mr. Strickley for about twenty-three years and which was operated by other people previous to that time. The gold is very coarse and weighs one and one-quarter pounds avoirdupois. When reduced to bullion by the assayer it will bring about \$20 per ounce, try, and net the leaser a very snug little sum.

Before Bingham developed into a town, the property was wrongfully appropriated by spring with hydraulic machines, and during the two months of so that water was plentiful several thousands of dollars worth of gold in the soil was lost. When, under General Connor, established Fort Douglas, the property has produced several hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the channel is not yet worked out by any means. For the past few years little has been done with it other than to mine some of the richer pay streaks by the leasing system, but Mr. Strickley is looking forward to the day when the invention of some practical dry process will enable him to go to work on the extensive scale. The channel in a more gold makes is most clearly defined and, with some sort of machinery to take the place of the washing process, the ground can be made to yield several fortunes more.

Several of the gulches of Bingham are

known to be still rich in placer deposits, and while all the attention of operators is just now directed to the business of mining for copper, the day will come again, it is predicted, when the camp will widely know for its production of gold.

Following the early gold mining career of the camp the energies of the mine-owners were bent in the direction of lead-silver production and at one time two smelters were in operation at the camp treating that character of ore. Then came the discovery of the immense copper deposits, which have been the basis of being more productive of wealth than both the lead-silver and gold deposits, particularly as much of the latter metal is found in combination with it.

Bingham has been a remarkable camp from the first, but its real possibilities seem to be only just emerging from the uncertain, prospective stage.

### BIG HOISTING PLANT ORDERED.

Local Machinery House to Equip Royal Company Mines.

Fairbanks, Morse & Co. have just contracted with the Royal Copper company for the delivery of five powerful hoisting engines that are to be used in the development and operation of as many of the company's numerous groups of mining claims as soon as they can be gotten into the field. Three of the machines will be used with the heaviest now in use in this state and will enable the Royal company to operate at any depth down to 1,000 feet, while the other two will have a sixty-horsepower limit of energy, while the fifth will be used principally to details of the various enterprises in which he is engaged, and will not likely reach Salt Lake until well toward the end of the present week.

Mr. Lewis has been in the field for more than a week past giving his personal attention to details of the various enterprises in which he is engaged, and will not likely reach Salt Lake until well toward the end of the present week.

### FROM THE MELCHER.

Superintendent Langford Reports Stringers of Fine Ore in Tunnel.

Frank M. Langford, superintendent of the Melcher company's property, just down from camp for a few hours, reports the necessary supplies for the tunnel which is being driven into the property, and is in a distance of something over 1,500 feet, with approximately 1,000 feet yet to run to reach the ledge that carries such fine values in gold and silver near the surface.

Several fine stringers of ore have already been cut in the tunnel and the indications for getting a big mine long before the Melcher property is reached are very good. The tunnel will develop the mine at vertical depth of over 2,000 feet, and if he does not make a bigger mine of it than anything in the Melcher property, it will be a very good one. The Melcher company is the controlling factor in the Melcher property.

### AT THE OPHIR QUEEN.

Shaft Close to 200 Feet Deep—New Hoist Is Now at the Mine.

Superintendent Peter Weimer of the Ophir Queen came in from camp Friday night to remain over Sunday. He reports the shaft on the property nearly down to the 200-foot mark, at which point he will cut a station before going deeper. Some mighty interesting ground has been passed through during the last fifty feet and, with the new gasoline hoisting plant in operation, he promises to make a showing in the not far distant future of interest to shareholders. The last piece of machinery for the new gasoline hoisting plant reached the mine on Thursday and if the weather continues good he calculates to have it in commission about two weeks hence.

Mr. Weimer says the Ophir Hill company's new power plant is now in successful operation and that the camp generally carries an air of prosperity and thrift such as it has not witnessed since the early days of mining in this state.

### LINCOLN MINE'S PRODUCTION.

Turning Out Lots of Gold—Mining in Idaho on the Boom.

John T. Hodson, general manager of the Lincoln company's properties at Pearl, Ida., came down from camp yesterday morning. He was accompanied by David Kennedy of New York, the company's treasurer, and E. S. Pratt of Des Moines, Ia., one of the shareholders of the company. Each of the easterners has been at the mines for the past three weeks or so, and they return firm in the conviction that the Lincoln is to be one of the great mines of Idaho.

Before proceeding east the visitors will spend several days in looking over some of the mines in this state in which they

are interested. Mr. Kennedy is an old Utah operator, having been identified with Tintic, Bingham and Park City for many years past. He is a son of the famous Dr. David Kennedy.

Manager Hodson reports that during the past two weeks ten carloads of ore have been forwarded to the American Smelting & Refining company here and the settlements for the first class ore then show a profit to the company of \$5,700. During the same time three healthy gold bricks, the product of the company's mill, have been sold at the government assay office in Boise. The value of the assay, Mr. Hodson did not care to state, but he gave an idea of their worth by saying that the mill will not cost more than a day, was earning at the rate of better than \$9,000 per month.

Owing to the operation of Idaho's new gasoline law, Mr. Hodson says, quite a number of mines and mills in the state using gasoline engines have had to quit business. The law forbids the use of gasoline under 160 proof, while the quality generally in use has been 72 proof. At the Lincoln he has made all arrangements to discontinue the use of gasoline and install electric power for both mine and mill. A large dynamo is already on the ground and the wires are now being strung from the power plant at Payette to supply the camp. He expects that other mines and mills in the Pearl district will do the same and eventually, of course, no more work will be done where in the state, unless the lawmakers at the next session of the legislature repeal the obnoxious measure.

During the present year, Mr. Hodson also said, the company has leased three new mills built in the Pearl district, where several mines of unusual merit are being brought into production. He expects that also coming from the Neal district and Mr. Hodson says he has every reason to believe that the Thunder mountain twenty-five is going to astonish the world in the near future, notwithstanding all the bad reports that have gone out concerning it. Boise is on the boom and a great many such leaders are being developed in that city at any time. The street car service is being improved, the principal attention of the Thunder mountain twenty-five is being rapidly crowded out of the state and money is pouring in from all directions. Idaho is going to do nothing, Mr. Hodson declares, can now prevent it.

### OPENING UP WELL.

Beacon and Atlas-Monitor Groups of Royal Co. Have Fine Ore Bodies.

Of operations at and among the properties of the Royal company, Friday's Millford Times says:

"The new Royal company has five men at work on the Atlas-Monitor group, the Beacon, and fine ore bodies are being opened up on each property, under the direction of John Forgie. At the Beacon the tunnel has gone into a new ore body that is said to be much better than anything found before, even better than the high values in silver but no assays have been made. At the Atlas-Monitor a tunnel is in a new place. It is now in thirty-five feet, and on a body of silver-lead ore, which is improving with every foot of work."

Assay returns received yesterday on the new strike in the Beacon showed the ore to carry 155 ounces silver, 6 per cent copper and 17 per cent lead. This ore was struck in the silver-lead vein that parallels the copper vein. It is not yet known how much there is of the high grade stuff.

Senator Lewis came down Sunday on his way to Iron and Washington counties, to inspect the Royal company's holdings. He was accompanied south by James Lindsay and W. A. Parish, Jr., and will be absent about a week.

"The Royal company has purchased the half interest in the Monitor group, formerly owned by P. B. McKee. The consideration is \$10,000, the same price paid for the Campbell estate half."

### Bingham Mining Notes.

(Bingham Bulletin.)

Bingham C. & L. team were hauling a carload of Columbia first-class to depot yesterday.

A carload of fine-looking ore from the United Bingham was delivered to the cars yesterday.

Elmer Hill has taken a bond and lease on the Troughclaim, at the mouth of Markham gulch, and after surveying the present workings will start a force of men to work.

The United States tramway was started again yesterday.

Extensive alterations having been completed, the Yampa smelter will have its gas there will be farmers or fruit growers near it to bring damage suits on account of sulphur fumes. Bingham people raise one and sometimes two, but no other crops.

Surveying is progressing on the proposed extension of the Copper Belt road to the Boston Consolidated and Yampa mines. Should the road be extended it will fall heir to the hauling of timbers and other up freight for the Highland Boy mill, a considerable item of business that is now done entirely by teams.

With its incline completed, the Yampa mill is now in shape to meet any demand upon it that may be made, not less than when it is ready for knocking down ore. It has upwards of 6,000 feet of

development, of which the 1,700-foot incline (on the dip) and Yampa (copper) tunnel, 1,200 feet along the vein, give the best idea of its possibilities. These openings are every foot of the way and full width in solid ore. Considering this fact, the mine is the biggest of them all."

As has often been stated, the Wall-De Lamar group, besides containing mineral veins, is intersected by a dike of altered porphyry 3,000 feet wide, which by elaborate millwork has been proved to contain 1½ to 2-¼ per cent copper per ton. The concentrates perfectly and can be quarried at the rate of 5,000 tons a day for an unlimited time. There is little doubt that by sinking a tunnel to the bottom of Bingham creek, which the group covers, an abundant and permanent water supply can be developed.

### BEAVER COUNTRY MINES.

Happenings of the Week Along the Copper Belt.

(Millford Times.)

The electric drill in the O. K. is said to be making a great record. It is used to bore a hole four feet deep in a solid mass of ore in less than a day. It is said to be making a hole four feet deep in a solid mass of ore in less than a day. It is said to be making a hole four feet deep in a solid mass of ore in less than a day.

An important discovery of iron is reported about thirty-five miles north of Millford and seven miles east of the railroad. The ore is said to carry 20 per cent iron, and it is a fine product for the smelters. E. E. Rink of Salt Lake has a bond on the property.

Some beautiful ore is now being taken from the Kitty Clough. One portion of the vein is a mass of native copper nuggets and copper carbonates, while along with it is a streak several inches thick of iron oxides that run high in gold. It is believed that much of this ore to run up into big money.

An important discovery is reported in the Black Rock property, in the north end of the Beaver Lake district. The vein has been opened up at a new place, where it is believed that there are fifteen feet of ore that carry 10 per cent iron, 15 per cent lead and good values in gold and silver.

Attorney H. M. Fennimore on Wednesday filed suits against the Wild Bill company, the Copper King company, and the Copper King company, claiming that they were due eight miners and three cooks for April and May wages. Attachment papers were issued and about thirty tons of ore, a team of horses and some mining tools were attached by Constable Stoddard. It is believed that the claims will be settled within a day or two.

### CREDITORS WANT MONEY.

Application Made to Have Copper King Company Declared Bankrupt.

San Francisco, May 30.—A financial statement of the Copper King Mining company, limited, a London corporation, has been taken, and it affects the property of the company in this city. The petitioners are designated as "creditors" whose credits to the Copper King Mining company are stated to amount to "about \$500,000," but in reality they stand to lose the greater part of \$8,000 due them for the fact is the mining company's liabilities, as far as known, amount to more than \$614,000, against which they stand in the way of assets property valued very liberally at \$275,000.

The property of the company consists of a copper mine in Fresno and a smelter in Contra Costa county. Among the chief creditors are Christopher Furness of England, who has invested over \$500,000 in the company.

### Mining Notes.

Captain Duncan McVie will leave for the east on a short business trip today.

Jacob Moritz went out to the Park yesterday morning on mining trip today.

The annual meeting of the Uncle Sam company will be held tomorrow afternoon.

E. L. Hall, who is identified with several Utah and other western mining enterprises, is out from New York. He expects to remain for some time.

Colonel E. A. Wall and D. C. Jackling of the important Utah mining company, looking into features that will result from the sale of the Wall-De Lamar property to the United States Reduction company combination.

In mentioning the La Reine election Friday morning the attorney of George R. Hancock's name was on the defeated ticket. It was a mistake. Mr. Hancock did not seek election and his name was not presented at all.

In excavating a road down the reef at Silver Reef to the lead mill, a trunk of a large tree, thoroughly carbonized, was found. On being assayed, more than twenty times as much silver was found to carry over 100 ounces of silver per ton.

Superintendent W. J. Craig of the Yampa, who is in from camp to meet Man-

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### LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Chicago, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; steady, nominal; good to prime steers, 4.80@5.20; poor to medium, 4.00@4.75; stockers and feeders, 3.00@4.75; cows, 1.50@4.00; heifers, 2.50@4.75; canners, 1.50@2.50; bulls, 2.25@4.85; calves, 2.00@5.00; Texas fed steers, 4.00@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts today, 11,000; tomorrow, 40,000; left over, 2,200; mixed and butchers, 5.70@6.85; good to choice heavy, 6.10@6.25; rough heavy, 5.70@6.00; light, 5.50@5.80; bulk of sales, 5.50@6.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, 4.50@5.00; fair to choice mixed, 3.50@4.25; western sheep, 4.25@5.00; native lambs, 4.00@4.70; western lambs, 4.00@4.70.

Kansas City, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady; native steers, 3.50@4.50; Texas and Indian steers, 3.00@4.25; Texas cows, 2.50@3.25; native cows and heifers, 1.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, 2.00@4.50; bulls, 3.00@4.30; calves, 2.75@3.00; western steers, 2.75@4.00; western cows, 2.00@3.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; market steady to 5c higher; bulk of sales, 5.80@6.00; heavy, 5.80@6.25; packers, 5.75@5.85; medium, 5.80@5.95; light, 5.65@5.75; yorkers, 5.70@5.75; pigs, 5.25@5.45.

Sheep—Receipts, none; market nominal.

South Omaha, May 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; steady; native steers, 4.25@4.50; market steady; native steers, 4.25@4.50; cows and heifers, 3.00@4.40; canners, 2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, 3.00@5.00; calves, 3.25@6.25; bulls, steers, etc., 2.80@4.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market 10c higher; heavy, 5.80@5.90; mixed, 5.75@5.85; light, 5.70@5.80; pigs, 4.00@5.50; bulk of sales, 5.80@5.95.

Sheep—Receipts, none; market steady.

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